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Re Miami letter with enclosures, 5/11/61.

Enclosed herewith are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 is [MM 639-S] 100(u)

Miami will continue to follow activities of captioned organization through established sources.

Houston will identify C. F. RIKER, 2610 MacGregor #2, Houston, Texas, check established sources, and report all available background information concerning RIKER.

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RE: ANTI-COMMUNIST LEGIONNAIRES

MM T-1, who has been connected with Cuban revolutionary activities for the past three years, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 12, 1961, advised that between 30 and 40 Americans arrived in Miami from Texas on May 11, 1961. They were recruited by ALLEN DUSHANE, who temporarily resides at the Cuba Hotel, 35 Northwest 17th Court, Miami, Florida, and who previously made a trip to Texas to recruit Americans for some future military action against the Government of Cuba. LA

MM T-1 advised that these Americans from Texas arrived by automobile and bus, were without funds, were typical adventurers, not considered trustworthy, and were disillusioned to find that facilities had not been provided for them. Some of the recruits from Texas said that while they were passing through the State of Louisiana, they got into some difficulty with the police, telephonically contacted DUSHANE in Miami for help, but were told there was no help available to them. After the recruits arrived in Miami, they were taken out of Miami to a camp about forty miles west of the city, to a place in the everglades, where they established a training camp. MM T-1 advised that there are now established in the everglades, two training camps. The first training camp was established by GERALD PATRICK HENNING, with DICK WATLEY and ED COLBY running the camp. The second training camp, consisting of the recruits from Texas, is being run by ALLEN DUSHANE and another American, KEN (last name unknown). FLA

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MM T-1 explained that both groups are without funds, have no immediate plans, but are very anxious to go to Cuba to fight against the Government of Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO.

MM T-1 explained that a number of Cuban women are holding a sit-down strike type of demonstration in Miami's Bayfront Park, where they have signs and placards, asking for United States and Organization of American States (OAS) intervention. These Cuban women maintain around-the-clock vigilance, and state they will stay there until there is intervention in Cuba. MM T-1 said that there are usually from five to ten Americans sitting with these women, and these Americans are trying to recruit other Americans to go to the training camp in the everglades outside of Miami. The Americans in Bayfront Park are dressed in United States Army fatigue suits, wear combat boots, canteen cups, and cartridge belts. One American is seen wearing a bayonet tied to his leg in commando fashion. These Americans have become a problem for the Cuban women maintaining this vigilance, and are considered a nuisance to both the women, the police and visitors to Miami's Bayfront Park.

MM T-1 advised that JESSE SMITH and JOE MURPHY, owners of the Congress Inn Hotel, Lejeune Road, Miami, Florida, have donated three rooms in the hotel for the use of HENNING's group, and stated they will try to get political and financial backing for this group.

On May 13, 1961, MM T-1 advised that C. F. RIKER, 2610 MacGregor #2, Houston, Texas, phone number RI 7-6666, was in Miami and claimed to represent a group of assassins that operate exclusively against Communists. RIKER is FLA

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described as being well educated, and claims to have attended a number of Government schools having to do with arms, demolitions and languages. RIKER claims he lived in Mexico during his youth, and speaks Spanish. (S)(u)

MM T-1 described RIKER as a white male, 6'3" tall, 175 pounds, dark hair, crew cut - receding hairline, well educated and in his forties. RIKER originally met with HENNING at the Congress Inn Hotel, left Miami for a few days, and then returned. RIKER stays at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Room 1246, Miami Beach, Florida, and has checked in and out of this hotel two or three times. (S)(u)

RIKER said he will go to Houston, Texas, to obtain support from HENNING's group, who in turn, will have to accept the controls and conditions imposed by this group that will give the support. RIKER indicated that the group he represents would finance HENNING's group, but thereafter, would take over HENNING's group and control it. RIKER said his group has had United States Government support on some other projects, and if his group takes over HENNING's group, he plans to use HENNING's group to conduct commando raids against Cuba, and later make up an assassination group to operate in Cuba. (S)(u)

MM T-1 explained that HENNING and WATLEY plan to meet with RIKER on May 14, 1961, at the Fontainebleau Hotel. MM T-1 said the Texas group, while at their training camp in the Florida everglades, was raided by HENNING's group using commando techniques. HENNING's group stole all the equipment and personal property during a night raid on the Texans' camp. The following day, the Texans called DICK WATLEY, protested and asked for their personal property and equipment to be returned. (S)(u)

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